

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE
MIDDLE DISTRICT OF ALABAMA
NORTHERN DIVISION**

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA)	
)	
V.)	CASE NO: 2:06-cr-144-WKW
)	
PAUL MEREZ GRAHAM)	

UNOPPOSED MOTION TO CONTINUE TRIAL

COMES NOW the Defendant, **PAUL MEREZ GRAHAM**, by and through undersigned counsel, Michael J. Petersen, and moves this Court for a continuance of the trial, in the above-styled case. As grounds for granting this Motion, Defendant would show the following:

1. On January 25, 2008 a hearing was had on the attorney Tommy Goggans' Motion to Withdraw as Counsel. (Doc #80).
2. At that hearing, the Federal Defender office was appointed to represent the defendant and undersigned counsel filed his Notice of Appearance. (Doc #84).
3. This matter is presently set for trial on the February 4, 2008 trial term.
4. Although a Notice of Intent to Change Plea was filed on January 23, 2008, (Doc #78), undersigned counsel would be deficient in his professional responsibilities if he were to go forward without having completely reviewed and discussed the ramifications of either plea or trial with his client.
5. The government, through Assistant United States Attorney Nathan Stump does not opposed a continuance of this matter.
6. While requests for a continuance are addressed to the sound discretion of the trial court, *United States v. Darby*, 744 F.2d 1508, 1521(11thCir. 1984), *reh'g denied* 749 F.2d 733, *cert.*

denied, 471 U.S. 1100 (1985), undersigned counsel feels that, in this case, the ends of justice will be served by allowing the defense adequate time to review this matter which includes multiple 18 U.S.C. 922(g) and 924(c) charges as well as 18 U.S.C. 841(a) charges presented in a Second Superseding Indictment. (Doc #43).

WHEREFORE, based on the foregoing, Paul M. Graham respectfully requests that the previously set trial date of February 4, 2008, be continued to the next trial term.

Dated this 28th day of January 2008.

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that on January 28, 2008, I electronically filed the foregoing with the Clerk of the Court using the CM/ECF system, which will send notification of such filing to the following:

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